

North Allegheny Unified Booster Organization
May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Georgiana Thomas (President/Scholar Athlete Coordinator/Website Chair), Patti McClure (Vice President), Barb Liwosz (Secretary/Scholarships/Membership) & Peg Lehew (Treasurer)

NA UBO Sponsor: Bob Bozzuto (Athletic Director/Bocce)

Chairperson(s) Present: NA

Representative Present: Julie Greenberg (Band), Karen Plotsko (Softball-Fast pitch), Heather Butler (Girls Volleyball), Nicole Williamson (Baseball/Girls Basketball), Kathryn Duffy (Bowling), Laurie Abel (Cross Country), Meighan Nalducci (Field Hockey), Kelley Lowry (Boys Lacrosse), Brenna Sisinni (Girls Lacrosse), Lori Rodgers (Rowing), Karen Eck (Boys Soccer), Karen Vitale (Girls Soccer), Swathi Dopathi (Boys Tennis), Jamie Mangene (Girls Tennis/Track & Field) and John Laquatra (Wrestling)

Welcome Introduction: Bob opened the meeting with presenting the 2024 scholarship winners with their awards.

Don Vandegrift Scholarship Winners: Kyra Schmidt (Volleyball) and Julianna Butler (Volleyball)

Georgiana Thomas Scholarship Winners: Connor Fadgen (Baseball) and Megan Manesiotis (Golf)

Approval of February 2024 Minutes: No recommended changes proposed to the February 2024 Minutes. Motion made to approve minutes by Nicole Williamson and seconded by Meighan Nalducci. Motion passed. The February minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed with a beginning balance of 14,574.91, Total deposits were 665.00, total expenses 4,140.01 ending the UBO Account balance at 11,099.90. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Lori Rodgers and seconded by Julie Greenberg. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Kennywood: (Patti McClure) August 10, 2024 is the date and coordinated with the Marching Band and the Fall Festival parade. Prices are: Any Day Tickets \$45 (online is \$60-\$70) and the NA Day is \$39, Tickets are available in the AD's office. Checks made payable to NA UBO. Online ticket purchasing will be available soon with a NA Promo Code after June 1st. The AD's office is open all summer 9am-3pm, but call first to confirm someone is in the office. Proceeds go towards Toys For Tigers and the Scholarships offered by the UBO. UBO will need volunteers to sell tickets 8/9 and 8/10 in 2 hour increments.

Membership: (Barb Liwosz) Roster distributed for representatives to check and edit. No changes noted in the Membership report.

Scholarship Committee: (Barb Liwosz) Next year a new Committee Chair will be needed, and the requirement is that you cannot have a 12th grade. Four Interviewers will also be needed with the same requirement of not having a 12th grader. It is a minimal commitment. The Scholarship banquet will be a breakfast on April 26, 2025 at 9:00am

Scholar Athlete: Spring Athletes received their certificates and T-Shirts, but small T-shirts are missing, AD's office is looking to find them and will follow up with those missing small T-shirts. If certificates need errors fixed, let UBO know and they will be fixed.

Team Scholarship achieved an average GPA 3.50 and above.

Toys for Tigers (T4T): UBO helped 40 families and 76 kids. Georgiana passed around a Thank You from the IES Principal. The UBO website will list all who helped and how they helped. UBO was able to help all kids, in the NASD, who asked for assistance. Bob thanked everyone for a job well done. 2024-25 T4T is officially open. DeeJay's will help with 2024-25 T4T Fundraising.

Tiger Items for Sale: Stickers for the back of phones and NA blankets. Tiger Mall Store will be coming back with a Spirit Store with BSN, the largest athletic gear warehouse. All profits go to UBO and T4T.

TEAM REPORTS:

Wrestling (Girls/Boys)

Boys

1. How many players are on the team? 25
2. Are there tryouts? No
3. Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest: Section Champs. 11 WPIAL Qualifiers, Lost in WPIAL Qualifiers, 2 state qualifiers, Aidan Bugey 6th at States. 9 Members on the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic teams
4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? \$250 per wrestler
5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? Meat Raffle, Golf Outing w/ the Foundation, Host Youth Tournament

Girls

1. How many players are on the team? 16
2. Are there tryouts? No
3. Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest: Section Champs. 1st sanctioned season, Leyna Rumpler WPIAL Champ and PIAA runner-up, Four WPIAL medals (Hannah Williams, Kaylee Dean, Audrey Morrison, Heidi Radford. Dan Heckert Coach of the year
4. Are there any dues associated with the sport? \$250 per wrestler
5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor? Meat Raffle, Golf Outing w/ the Foundation, Host Youth Tournament

Football

1. 68 players
2. No tryouts
3. WPIAL champs and State runner up
4. Dues are 325
5. Hoagie and spirit wear sales

Ice Hockey

- How many players are on the team?
Varsity - 20
JV 1 - 20
JV 2 - 20

Middle School - 22

- Are there tryouts?
Yes, tryouts are held in May each year.
- Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest.
Varsity finished 2nd in PIHL AAA division with a record of 14-4-0-2 in the regular season, then after playoff wins over Bether Park and Seneca Valley, lost in the Penguins Cup Championship game to Pine Richland.
JV1 finished 4th in PIHL JV Tier 1 with a record of 9-5-2-0.
JV2 finished 2nd in PIHL JV Tier 2 with a record of 10-5-1-0.
Middle School finished 6th in PIHL Middle School Tier 1 with a record of 5-8-1-0.
- Are there any dues associated with the sport?
Players pay between \$1800-\$3700 per season depending on the team.
- What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?
NA Hockey Association held a Golf Tournament fund raiser this year for the first time.

Basketball-Boys

1, Our NA Boys JV/V BOYS BASKETBALL team consisted of 21 Players, 8 of them are Seniors.
Our Freshman team consisted of 16 players

2. We do host tryouts prior to Thanksgiving.

3. Our Section Record is 7-3, Overall Record is 11-12.

Senior Joey Dopirak celebrated his 1000th point this season and our Varsity Coach, Dave DeGregorio celebrated his 500th win.

4. Our dues are as follows:

Middle School- \$75

Freshman \$100

JV/V \$200

5. Our fundraising efforts consisted of raffle ticket sales, concessions, a spirit wear sale, and camp concession sales.

Boosters were able to plan a travel tournament this year, through KSA, to Orlando. It was truly a great bonding experience for the boys and their families.

Baseball

The baseball program does hold tryouts and does make cuts.

This season we have:

- 5 Teams with a total of 109 players
 - Varsity & JV- 39
 - Freshmen- 19
 - Carson Middle School- 17
 - Ingomar Middle School- 18
 - Marshall Middle School- 16
- Records-

- Varsity: 14-6 Section 9-3, 2nd place, WPIAL playoffs begin next week
- Junior Varsity: 7-9-1
- Freshmen: 19-1
- Carson Middle School: 5-11
- Ingomar Middle School: 14-4
- Marshall Middle School: 15-4-1
- Dues-
 - Varsity & Junior Varsity: \$230
 - Freshmen: \$185
 - Middle School: \$130
- Fundraising-
 - Spring Lottery during April
 - Yeti Beverage Bucket Gift Card Fundraiser
 - Website Sponsorships
 - Basket Raffle
 - Restaurant Nights
 - Yard Signs
 - Team stores

The banquet for Junior Varsity and Varsity players is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 15. The Freshmen and Middle School Teams will have team parties at the end of their seasons.

Lacrosse-Girls

How many players are on the team?	Varsity Roster: 21 Players Junior Varsity Roster: 19 Players Total Players: 36
Are there tryouts?	Yes, there were three days of tryouts held March 4, 5, and 6.
Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest.	Season Record: 12 -12 Section Record: 5 - 4 Non-Section Record: 7- 8 2024 All-WPIAL & All-Section players not yet announced, typically announced in June
Are there any dues associated with the sport?	Booster Dues: \$300 Volunteer Check:\$100 (This check is not cashed and returned at the end of the season unless volunteer requirements are not met.)
What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?	Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser

Rowing (girls and boys)

- 1) How many players are on the team?
 - a) 35 High School rowers (Varsity, JV and Novice)
 - b) 20 Middle School rowers on the Development Team
- 2) Are there tryouts?
 - a) Yes, early spring after winter season.
- 3) Provide a summary of the regular season, post-season play, awards, special recognition(s), and any other items of interest.
 - a) Spring is the Varsity regular season (team also is active in the fall and winter training; as well as summer camps)
 - b) 5/11 & 5/12- the team attended the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association Championship
 - i) Link to the event if interested
(1) <https://www.youtube.com/live/rxa0LET0UuU?si=-lI0e9AgtXtMLfnc>
 - ii) MSRA 49 teams; 36 events; 3 divisions – NA is in the Division II for teams with 22-54 athletes; NA finished 3rd in the DII; Overall finish of 9th place
 - iii) NA had 15 entries – 12 progressed to the finals; 10 to the A finals and 3 medals
- 4) Are there any dues associated with the sport?
 - a) \$625 - High School rowers plus travel expenses for regattas
 - b) \$315 - Development Team
 - i) Dues cover : *Boathouse rental, Equipment maintenance, Coach pay, Insurance & US Rowing Team Membership, Bus Transportation to practice, Administrative Costs (Teamsnap, Website, etc)*
- 5) What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

- a) Team fundraisers
 - i) ERG in the Burgh – winter season indoor competition for Pittsburgh area high schools
 - ii) Cash Bash – our second year and it has been a huge success in helping with costs
- b) Other individual fundraising efforts to help families
 - i) Aramark
 - ii) Raise Right (scripts)
 - iii) ZRoni; Jenny Lee bread; Flowers;
- c) Alumni Fall rowing event – first event was held in the fall and will be an annual event
 - i) Looking to raise funds for a boathouse
 - ii) In honor of rowing alum Michael Ban – his brother dedicated Jeopardy winnings to the boathouse effort

Volleyball - Boys

1. How many players on the team?

38 total on Varsity and JV (27 Varsity, 18 JV – 7 double rostered)

2. Are there tryouts?

Yes, tryouts are held over 3 days. This year it was March 4th, 5th and 6th

There were cuts

3. Provide a summary of the regular season, post season play, awards, special recognition(s) and any other items of interest.

Varsity finished 11-1 in section play, tied for 1st (Shaler)

JV also finished 11-1 in section play

2nd seed in WPIAL playoffs, will host Quarterfinal on Thursday, May 16th

Ranked #2 in the state for much of the season

Ranked #12 in the country (USA Today) at the end of the regular season

4. Are there any dues associated with the sport?

Yes, dues were \$250 this year

5. What fundraiser(s) do you sponsor?

We did a giant raffle (players sold at least 20 \$10 tickets, 4 \$500 prizes) winners drawn live during Shaler home match

We also do 50/50 raffle and concessions at each home match

We host an Invitational Tournament at the beginning of the season (concessions, swag sales)

We have a “Spirit Store” with portion of proceeds going to boosters

Flag Football

2 teams with 1 being undefeated - playoffs

Over 100 schools in PA participating in (30 in W-PA)

Lacrosse-Boys

61 total plays (32 V and 29 JV)

Tryouts - no cuts

Season is still active

Varsity as 6 wins and 1 loss - overall 12 and 6 - playoff game in late May

Sponsored a family of 5 for T4T

\$575 fees

Fundraisers - pepperoni rolls, Penguins ticket raffle, concession stand, booth night raffle

Banquet Date is 5.26

Softball-Fast Pitch

26 HS players

12W and 7L - 3rd in section - playoffs begin 5/15/24

19 or 20 MS players

Tryouts = yes - no cuts

HS Dues = \$200 / \$100 concession deposit refunded if a parent works 2 concession sessions

MS Dues = \$75 / \$50 concession deposit refunded if a parent works 2 concession session

Fundraisers: Flowers in fall and spring / yard signs

Tennis-boys

27 players

Tryouts = yes

2024 season concludes with an 18-1 overall record and a WPIAL championship and PIAA final four appearance. Congratulations to head coach Matt Woffington and the entire North Allegheny boys' tennis team for an outstanding season.

Track and Field (girls and boys)

MS = 200

HS = 303

Tryouts = yes with cuts

Girls won 3rd straight WPIAL title - undefeated

Boys took 3rd in WPIAL - lost 1 meet

PIAA individual final are late May

MS Dues \$30

HS Dues \$150

Fundraisers - merchandise, photos, yard signs, Panera Day, Moe's Taco Kit and Mr. Magic car washes

Swimming/Diving (Girls/Boys)

25 players

The girls' and boys' swimming and diving teams won the WPIAL Class AAA championship. The won a 16th consecutive WPIAL crown, while the NA Boys took home the first-place trophy for the 10th time in the last 13 years. It's also the 15th WPIAL championship in the last 19 seasons for the NA Boys and 14th straight

Girls - won state championship

Boys - came in 3rd in state championship

Softball-Slow Pitch (overview provided by Bob Bozzuto)

Regular season champs - lost in 1st round in playoffs- scored most runs

Athletic Director's Report: Bob provided the following updates:

*PIAA changed guidelines, May 1st is the first date for physicals for the following school year. Impact testing begins mid-May. All details on the website.

*Family ID will open June 1st, 2024 for Fall Sports

*Family ID will open October 1st, 2024 for Winter Sports

*Family ID will open February 1st, 2025 for Spring Sports

*a new Small Arch donated by the NA Foundation and their logo will be on the new arch

No fee to rent the small arch

*Hall of Fame - new class has been determined - details on the website

*Capital Improvements - rubber track where the asphalt is located / tennis courts at NASH and Marshal to be updated / new locker room at the stadium / Scoreboard at NAI will be a large video scoreboard by mid-June

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Karen Eck and seconded by Meighan Nalducci the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

2024-25 Meeting Dates:

September 18, 2024 at 6:30pm

November 13, 2024 at 6:30pm

February 12, 2025 at 6:30pm

April 26, 2025 at 9:00am